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'TS per capita income doubled in last 7 years'

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Telangana's per capita income has doubled over the last seven years, and is now higher than the national average, said Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Sunday. The average income of a person in the state stands at Rs 2.37 lakh per annum.

In his independence day address, Rao said the State Gross Domestic Product jumped from Rs 4.51 lakh crore in 2013-14 to Rs 9.80 lakh crore in 2020-21.

Reeling out other statistics, Rao said when Telangana state was formed, the installed power capacity was 7,788 MW. It has grown to 16,425 MW now. Similarly the state has

400 MW installed capacity of solar, he said.

On the state's industrial policy, he said Telangana received investment to the tune of Rs. 2.2 lakh crore providing lakhs of jobs.

At present there are 27,996 beds available in government Covid-19 health centres, of which 17,114 beds were developed as oxygen beds, he said.

Lack of Parliamentary debate shows in ambiguous laws: CJI

Chief Justice of India N V Ramana has said that there used to be "wise" and "constructive" debates in Parliament in the past, but it is a "sorry state of affairs" now. This has led to "gaps" and "ambiguity in making laws" — with "no clarity" on the purpose behind the legislation.

Speaking at an Independence Day event organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association SCBA, CJI Ramana said this was happening because intellectuals and lawyers were not present in adequate numbers in the Houses, and exhorted the legal community to participate "more actively" in public life.

The CJI recalled that leaders of the independence struggle were mostly lawyers who "not only sacrificed their profession, but sacrificed their properties... their everything, their families". He said the first Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and other Houses were filled with lawyers and members of the legal community.

"Unfortunately, over a period of time, you know what is happening in the Houses, i.e., the legislation either in Parliament, Rajya Sabha or any other Houses. If you see, the debates, which used to take place in the Houses those days, were very, very wise, constructive, and they used to debate any legislation which they were making," the CJI said.

"Now, (it is a) sorry state of affairs. We see the legislations, a lot of gaps, a lot of ambiguity in making the laws, there is no clarity in laws. We don't know what purpose the laws are made for, which is creating a lot of litigation, inconvenience and loss to the Government as well as inconvenience to the public," he said.

"This is what happens if intellectuals and lawyers are not there in the Houses...It is time... legal community, lawyers have to lead, participate actively in social life, public life. Don't confine yourself to your profession, earning money and living comfortably...We must also actively participate in public life, do some good service," the CJI said.

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